

# Post-Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA)

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# Purpose of the Post-Deployment Health Reassessment (PDHRA)

- The Post-Deployment Health Reassessment is really about keeping our commitment to service members returning from operational deployment

# Description of the PDHRA

- The Post-Deployment Health Reassessment emphasizes global health
  - ◆ Three to six months post-deployment
  - ◆ Active Duty, Reserve, Guard personnel
  - ◆ Personnel separated from military service

# PDHRA Key Elements

- Outreach
- Education
- Health Reassessment
- Detailed Evaluation and Treatment
- Follow-up and Case Management

# Impact of Physical and Emotional Stress on

Service Members  
Physical and emotional stress of deployment can have health impact

- Health issues don't always manifest immediately after deployment
- Screening and assessment three to six months post-deployment proactively identifies health concerns expressed by service members since they have returned home
- Adds to continuum of force health protection, further assuring optimal health and readiness of our service members

# PDHRA Process

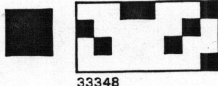
- Service member will complete PDHRA electronically
- Service member will discuss health concerns with provider
- Health care provider will complete assessment and document on DD Form 2900
- Health care provider will refer for further evaluation and treatment, as indicated

# DD Form 2900

## Initial Step in PDHRA

### Process

- Demographics and health screening questions to be completed by the military service member
- Health Care Provider interview and review of reported health concerns, documented in Provider section of DD Form 2900



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## Demographics

Last Name

First Name

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Date arrived theater (mm/yyyy)

Date departed theater (mm/yyyy)

Today's Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

DOB (dd/mm/yyyy)

Social Security Number

Gender

- ☐ Male  
☐ Female

Service Branch

- ☐ Air Force  
☐ Army  
☐ Navy  
☐ Marine Corps  
☐ Coast Guard  
☐ Other

Status Prior to Deployment

- ☐ Active Duty  
☐ Selected Reserves - Reserve - Unit  
☐ Selected Reserves - Reserve - AGR  
☐ Selected Reserves - Reserve - IMA  
☐ Selected Reserves - National Guard - Unit  
☐ Selected Reserves - National Guard - AGR  
☐ Ready Reserves - IRR  
☐ Ready Reserves - ING  
☐ Civilian Government Employee  
☐ Other

Pay Grade

- ☐ E1 ☐ O01 ☐ W1  
☐ E2 ☐ O02 ☐ W2  
☐ E3 ☐ O03 ☐ W3  
☐ E4 ☐ O04 ☐ W4  
☐ E5 ☐ O05 ☐ W5  
☐ E6 ☐ O06  
☐ E7 ☐ O07 ☐ Other  
☐ E8 ☐ O08  
☐ E9 ☐ O09  
☐ O10

Marital Status

- ☐ Never Married  
☐ Married  
☐ Separated  
☐ Divorced  
☐ Widowed

Location of Operation

- ☐ Iraq ☐ South America  
☐ Afghanistan ☐ North America  
☐ Kuwait ☐ Australia  
☐ Qatar ☐ Europe  
☐ Bosnia/Kosovo ☐ On a ship  
☐ SW Asia - other ☐ Other:  
☐ Africa

Since return from deployment I have:

- ☐ Maintained/returned to previous status  
☐ Transitioned to Selected Reserves:  
☐ Transitioned to Ready Reserves:  
☐ Retired from Military Service  
☐ Separated from Military Service

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Total Deployments in Past 5 Years:

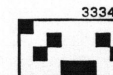
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Current Unit of Assignment

Current Assignment Location

Point of Contact who can always reach you:

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Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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1. Overall, how would you rate your health during the PAST MONTH?  
☐ Excellent ☐ Very Good ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Poor
2. Compared to before your most recent deployment, how would you rate your health in general now?  
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4. Since you returned from deployment, have you been hospitalized? ☐ Yes ☐ No
5. During your deployment, were you wounded, injured, assaulted or otherwise physically hurt? ☐ Yes ☐ No  
**IF NO, skip to Question 6.**
- 5a. **IF YES**, are you still having problems related to this wound, assault, or injury? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure
6. Other than wounds or injuries, do you currently have a health concern or condition that you feel is related to your deployment? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure  
**IF NO, skip to Question 7.**
- 6a. **IF YES**, please mark the item(s) that best describe your deployment-related condition or concern:
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9. Have you had any experience that was so frightening, horrible, or upsetting that, IN THE PAST MONTH, you ....
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  - b. Tried hard not to think about it or went out of your way to avoid situations that remind you of it ☐ Yes ☐ No
  - c. Were constantly on guard, watchful, or easily startled ☐ Yes ☐ No
  - d. Felt numb or detached from others, activities, or your surroundings ☐ Yes ☐ No
10. a. In the PAST MONTH, did you use alcohol more than you meant to? ☐ Yes ☐ No
- b. In the PAST MONTH, have you felt that you wanted to or needed to cut down on your drinking? ☐ Yes ☐ No
11. Over the PAST MONTH, have you been bothered by the following problems?
- |                                                | Not<br>at all         | Few or<br>several<br>days | More than<br>half the<br>days | Nearly<br>every<br>day |
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| a. Little interest or pleasure in doing things | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  |
| b. Feeling down, depressed, or hopeless        | <input type="radio"/> | <input type="radio"/>     | <input type="radio"/>         | <input type="radio"/>  |
12. If you checked off any problems or concerns on this questionnaire, how difficult have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people?
- ☐ Not difficult at all ☐ Somewhat difficult ☐ Very difficult ☐ Extremely difficult
13. Would you like to schedule a visit with a healthcare provider to further discuss your health concern(s)? ☐ Yes ☐ No
14. Are you currently interested in receiving information or assistance for a stress, emotional or alcohol concern? ☐ Yes ☐ No
15. Are you currently interested in receiving assistance for a family or relationship concern? ☐ Yes ☐ No
16. Would you like to schedule a visit with a chaplain or a community support counselor? ☐ Yes ☐ No



# Health Care Provider Only

SERVICE MEMBER'S SOCIAL SECURITY #

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DATE (dd/mm/yyyy)

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## Provider Review and Interview

1. Review symptoms and deployment concerns identified on form:

- ☐ Confirmed screening results as reported
 ☐ Screening results modified, amended, clarified during interview:

2. Ask behavioral risk questions.

- a. Over the PAST MONTH, have you been bothered by thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way? ☐ Yes ☐ No

IF YES, about how often have you been bothered by these thoughts? ☐ Very few days ☐ More than half of the time ☐ Nearly every day

- b. Since return from your deployment, have you had thoughts or concerns that you might hurt or lose control with someone? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

3. IF YES OR UNSURE to behavioral risk questions, conduct risk assessment.

- a. Does member pose a current risk for harm to self or others? ☐ No, not a current risk ☐ Yes, poses a current risk ☐ Unsure, referred
- b. Outcome of assessment ☐ Immediate referral ☐ Routine follow-up referral ☐ Referral not indicated

4. Record additional questions or concerns identified by patient during interview:

**Assessment and Referral:** After my interview with the service member and review of this form, there is a need for further evaluation and follow-up as indicated below. (More than one may be noted for patients with multiple concerns.)

5. Identified Concerns

Minor Concern

Major Concern

Already Under Care

Yes

No

- ☐ Physical Symptom  
☐ Exposure Concern  
☐ Depression Symptoms  
☐ PTSD Symptoms  
☐ Anger/Aggression  
☐ Suicidal Ideation  
☐ Social/Family Conflict  
☐ Alcohol Use  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Referral Information

- ☐ a. No referral made  
☐ b. Immediate/emergent care  
☐ c. Primary Care, Family Practice  
☐ d. Specialty Care: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ e. Behavioral Health in Primary Care  
☐ f. Mental Health Specialty Care  
☐ g. Case Manager, Care Manager  
☐ h. Substance Abuse Program  
☐ i. Health Promotion, Health Education  
☐ j. Other Healthcare Service  
☐ k. Chaplain  
☐ l. Family Support, Community Service  
☐ m. Military OneSource  
☐ n. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Comments:

8. Provider

a. Name (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_

b. Signature and stamp: \_\_\_\_\_

ICD-9 Code for this visit: V70.5\_6

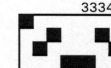
## Ancillary Staff/Administrative Section

9. Member was provided the following:

- ☐ Health Education and Information  
☐ Health Care Benefits and Resources Information  
☐ Appointment Assistance  
☐ Service member declined to complete form  
☐ Service member declined to complete interview/assessment  
☐ Service member declined referral for services  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Referral made to the following healthcare or support system:

- ☐ Military Treatment Facility  
☐ Division/Line-Based Medical Resource  
☐ VA Medical Center or Community Clinic  
☐ Vet Center  
☐ TRICARE Provider  
☐ Contract Support: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Community Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ None

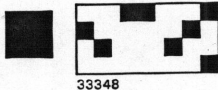


# What is the Clinician's Role in the PDHRA Screening Process?

- Learn about the purpose & nature of the PDHRA process
- Establish a trusting, positive partnership with returning service members
- Review screening instrument (DD Form 2900) and determine if additional evaluation or treatment is needed
- Make referrals as appropriate

# Provider Sensitivity is Key: ENVITE

- E – Demonstrate Empathy
- N – Non-confrontational approach
- V – Validate the decision to seek care
- I – Incorporate with solid scientific information
- T – Take action
- E – Enlist cooperation



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## Date departed theater (mm/yyyy)

## Today's Date (dd/mm/yyyy)

## DOB (dd/mm/yyyy)

## Social Security Number

## Gender

- ☐ Male  
☐ Female

## Service Branch

- ☐ Air Force  
☐ Army  
☐ Navy  
☐ Marine Corps  
☐ Coast Guard  
☐ Other

## Status Prior to Deployment

- ☐ Active Duty  
☐ Selected Reserves - Reserve - Unit  
☐ Selected Reserves - Reserve - AGR  
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☐ Selected Reserves - National Guard - Unit  
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☐ Ready Reserves - IRR  
☐ Ready Reserves - ING  
☐ Civilian Government Employee  
☐ Other

## Pay Grade

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☐ E2 ☐ O02 ☐ W2  
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☐ O10

## Marital Status

- ☐ Never Married  
☐ Married  
☐ Separated  
☐ Divorced  
☐ Widowed

## Location of Operation

- ☐ Iraq ☐ South America  
☐ Afghanistan ☐ North America  
☐ Kuwait ☐ Australia  
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## Since return from deployment I have:

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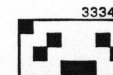
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## Current Unit of Assignment

## Current Assignment Location

## Point of Contact who can always reach you:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
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11. Over the PAST MONTH, have you been bothered by the following problems?
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15. Are you currently interested in receiving assistance for a family or relationship concern? ☐ Yes ☐ No
16. Would you like to schedule a visit with a chaplain or a community support counselor? ☐ Yes ☐ No



# Questions 1-6 (General Health)

- Demographics
- Overall health status
- Comparison of Post- to Pre-Deployment Health status
- Injuries, wounds, or assaults during deployment
- Health care use since return from deployment
- Current health concerns that service member believes are related to the most recent deployment

# Questions 1-6

## Role of Health Care Provider

- Develop a sense of service member's general health through interviewing
- Review service member's DD Forms 2795 and 2796 and other health records available
- Refer health concerns identified during interview to Primary Care Provider (PCP) for evaluation and treatment or specialty care if warranted
- Attend to urgent or emergent care needs

# Referrals for the Reserve & Guard

- Reserve Component and Guard members may seek treatment at
  - ◆ Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) hospitals and clinics
  - ◆ Vet Centers
  - ◆ MTF and TRICARE benefits as appropriate
    - ◆ Check current guidance on LOD and MMSO requirements
  - ◆ Military OneSource for preclinical counseling
    - ◆ [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)
    - ◆ Stateside: 800-342-9647
    - ◆ Overseas: 800-3429-6477
    - ◆ Overseas Collect: 1-484-530-5908

# Question 7 (Exposure Concerns)

- “Do you have any persistent major concerns regarding the health effects of something you believe you may have been exposed to or encountered while deployed?”
- Question 7 – Exposure worry or concern even in absence of symptoms
- Effective health risk communication and education needed to discuss exposure concerns

# Question 7

## Role of Health Care Provider

- Determine if the service member has concerns
- Can the concerns be answered by the screening health care provider with information/risk communication tools at hand?
- If significant health effect, or cannot be answered by screening provider:
  - ◆ Refer for follow-up with PCP or specialist
  - ◆ Provide information on resources available

# Resources for Exposure Concerns

- DoD Deployment Health Clinical Center (DHCC)  
[www.pdhealth.mil](http://www.pdhealth.mil)
- US Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine (USACHPPM)  
[chppm-www.apgea.army.mil](http://chppm-www.apgea.army.mil)
- DoD Deployment Health Support Directorate [www.deploymentlink.osd.mil](http://www.deploymentlink.osd.mil)

# Questions 8-12

## (Mental Health Screening)

- Covers domains:
  - ◆ Interpersonal conflict, adjustment difficulties
    - ◆ May refer to Military OneSource
      - [www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)
      - Stateside: 800-342-9647
      - Overseas: 800-3429-6477
      - Overseas Collect: 1-484-530-5908
    - ◆ Alcohol Abuse, PTSD, Depression
- May refer to preclinical counseling services such as Military OneSource, chaplain, or appropriate community resource
- May refer to clinical services such as primary care or specialty care

# Problems Accessing Mental Health Care

- Those most in need of mental health care may not actively seek treatment
- Fear of potential stigma associated with mental health concerns
- Inadequate knowledge about how to access mental health care
- Barriers to care: misinformation, misunderstanding, knowledge deficits



# Question 12 (Functional Impairment)

- Question 12: “If you checked off any problems or concerns on this questionnaire, how difficult have these problems made it for you to do your work, take care of things at home, or get along with other people?”
  - ◆ How have the veteran’s problems impacted home, work, and school life
  - ◆ Some distress is not uncommon or abnormal post-deployment, especially if death or injury to unit members
  - ◆ Functional impairment aids referral decision-making
    - ◆ Impairment generally calls for medical treatment
    - ◆ No impairment may best use preclinical counseling

# Mental Health Question 8

## Role of Health Care

- **Provider** Question 8: “Since return from your deployment, have you had serious conflicts with your spouse, family members, close friends, or at work that continue to cause you worry or concern?”
- Referral to Military OneSource for marriage and family counseling, work adjustment counseling, or other preclinical counseling

# Mental Health Question 9 (PTSD and Acute Stress Disorder)

- Question 9: “Have you had any experience that was so frightening, horrible, or upsetting that, IN THE PAST MONTH, you . . .[had]
- Four questions on screening questionnaire:
  - ◆ Nightmares, intrusive thoughts
  - ◆ Avoidance of situations, thoughts related to trauma
  - ◆ Constantly on guard, watchful, easily startled
  - ◆ Numb or detached from others, surroundings
- Increasing positive symptoms = risk of PTSD
- Always consider functional impairment to determine treatment/referral needs

# Mental Health Question 10 (Alcohol Abuse)

- Question 10 assesses for alcohol abuse:
  - ◆ “In the PAST MONTH, did you use alcohol more than you meant to?”
  - ◆ “In the PAST MONTH, have you felt that you wanted or needed to cut down on your drinking?”
  - ◆ One positive should lead to additional queries
  - ◆ Alcohol abuse a prevalent problem
  - ◆ Supplemental guidance available in Substance Use Disorder Clinical Practice Guideline
  - ◆ Guidelines available on [www.pdhealth.mil](http://www.pdhealth.mil)

# Mental Health Question 11 (Clinical Depression)

- PHQ 2 - Two questions have been shown to be effective for identifying patients who may be depressed:
  - ◆ “Over the PAST MONTH, have you been bothered by the following problems:
    - ◆ Little interest or pleasure in doing things?
    - ◆ Feeling down, depressed or hopeless?”

# Mental Health Question

## 11 Role of the Health

### Care Provider

- If service member's response to both questions is "no", the screen is negative
- If the service member responded "yes" to either question, ask more detailed questions: S-I-G-E-C-A-P-S
  - ◆ How have you been sleeping?
  - ◆ Have you been pursuing interests, entertainment, fun?
  - ◆ Have you been feeling down on yourself?
  - ◆ How is your energy?
  - ◆ How is your concentration?
  - ◆ What about your appetite?
  - ◆ Do you find yourself moving slowly or speeded up?
  - ◆ How does the future look to you? (Hopelessness and helplessness add to suicide potential)

# Questions 13 through 16 (Self-Referral)

- Questions 13 through 16 provide opportunity for self-referral or care preference:
  - ◆ Information and assistance for stress, emotional, alcohol concerns?
  - ◆ Assistance for family or relationship concerns?
  - ◆ Visit with chaplain or community support counselor?

# Completing the PDHRA Form

- Service member completes demographics and self-report portions of DD Form 2900
- Clinician reviews responses and completes Provider's section of DD Form 2900



# Health Care Provider Only

SERVICE MEMBER'S SOCIAL SECURITY #

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DATE (dd/mm/yyyy)

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## Provider Review and Interview

1. Review symptoms and deployment concerns identified on form:

- ☐ Confirmed screening results as reported
 ☐ Screening results modified, amended, clarified during interview:

2. Ask behavioral risk questions.

- a. Over the PAST MONTH, have you been bothered by thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way? ☐ Yes ☐ No

IF YES, about how often have you been bothered by these thoughts? ☐ Very few days ☐ More than half of the time ☐ Nearly every day

- b. Since return from your deployment, have you had thoughts or concerns that you might hurt or lose control with someone? ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ Unsure

3. IF YES OR UNSURE to behavioral risk questions, conduct risk assessment.

- a. Does member pose a current risk for harm to self or others? ☐ No, not a current risk ☐ Yes, poses a current risk ☐ Unsure, referred
- b. Outcome of assessment ☐ Immediate referral ☐ Routine follow-up referral ☐ Referral not indicated

4. Record additional questions or concerns identified by patient during interview:

**Assessment and Referral:** After my interview with the service member and review of this form, there is a need for further evaluation and follow-up as indicated below. (More than one may be noted for patients with multiple concerns.)

5. Identified Concerns

Minor Concern

Major Concern

Already Under Care

Yes

No

- ☐ Physical Symptom  
☐ Exposure Concern  
☐ Depression Symptoms  
☐ PTSD Symptoms  
☐ Anger/Aggression  
☐ Suicidal Ideation  
☐ Social/Family Conflict  
☐ Alcohol Use  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
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6. Referral Information

- ☐ a. No referral made  
☐ b. Immediate/emergent care  
☐ c. Primary Care, Family Practice  
☐ d. Specialty Care: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ e. Behavioral Health in Primary Care  
☐ f. Mental Health Specialty Care  
☐ g. Case Manager, Care Manager  
☐ h. Substance Abuse Program  
☐ i. Health Promotion, Health Education  
☐ j. Other Healthcare Service  
☐ k. Chaplain  
☐ l. Family Support, Community Service  
☐ m. Military OneSource  
☐ n. Other: \_\_\_\_\_

7. Comments:

8. Provider

a. Name (Last, First) \_\_\_\_\_

b. Signature and stamp: \_\_\_\_\_

ICD-9 Code for this visit: V70.5\_6

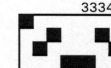
## Ancillary Staff/Administrative Section

9. Member was provided the following:

- ☐ Health Education and Information  
☐ Health Care Benefits and Resources Information  
☐ Appointment Assistance  
☐ Service member declined to complete form  
☐ Service member declined to complete interview/assessment  
☐ Service member declined referral for services  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_

10. Referral made to the following healthcare or support system:

- ☐ Military Treatment Facility  
☐ Division/Line-Based Medical Resource  
☐ VA Medical Center or Community Clinic  
☐ Vet Center  
☐ TRICARE Provider  
☐ Contract Support: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Community Service: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_  
☐ None



# Provider Review and Interview

- Item 1 – Screening HCP reviews and discusses with service member responses to Questions 1-16
- All positive responses should be pursued
- HCP indicates in Item 1:
  - ◆ Are screening results confirmed as reported by service member?
  - ◆ Should screening results be modified, amended, or clarified based on the HCP interview?

# Provider Review and Interview – Items 2, 3, 4 (Behavioral Risk)

- Items 2 and 3 are an assessment of potential for harming self or harming others
- In Item 4, the screening HCP can record any additional questions or concerns identified during the interview

# Behavioral Risk Screening

- Behavioral Risk Question is Item 2 in Provider Review and Interview section:
  - ◆ “Over the PAST MONTH, have you been bothered by thoughts that you would be better off dead or of hurting yourself in some way?”
    - ◆ “IF YES, about how often have you been bothered by these thoughts?”
  - ◆ “Since return from your deployment, have you had thoughts or concerns that you might hurt or lose control with someone?”

# Behavioral Risk Screening (Cont)

- Item 3 in Provider Review and Interview section:
  - ◆ IF YES or UNSURE to behavioral risk questions, conduct risk assessment
    - ◆ Does member pose a current risk for harm to self or others? No, not a current risk; Yes, poses a current risk; Unsure, referred
    - ◆ Outcome of assessment: immediate referral, routine follow-up referral, referral not indicated

# Assessment and Referral

- Item 5: Identified service member's concerns
  - ◆ What are the service member's identified concerns?
  - ◆ Major or minor concerns?
  - ◆ Is the service member already under care?
- Item 6: What referrals need to be made?
- Item 7: Any additional information the HCP feels is important?
- Item 8: HCP must print, sign, and use signature stamp

# Resources for Clinicians: Medical and Behavioral Health

- DoD/VA Clinical Practice Guidelines  
[www.oqp.med.va.gov/cpg](http://www.oqp.med.va.gov/cpg)
- Deployment Health Clinical Center,  
866-559-1627, [www.pdhealth.mil](http://www.pdhealth.mil)
- MyHealtheVet  
[www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov)

# Mental Health Resources

- MilitaryOneSource  
[www.militaryonesource.com](http://www.militaryonesource.com)
- My Health\_eVet  
[www.myhealth.va.gov](http://www.myhealth.va.gov)
- National Center for PTS  
[www.ncptsd.org](http://www.ncptsd.org)
- Deployment Health Clinical Center  
[www.pdhealth.mil](http://www.pdhealth.mil)
- Deployment Health Support Directorate  
[www.deploymentlink.osd.mil](http://www.deploymentlink.osd.mil)



# Mental Health Resources (Cont)

- National Institute of Mental Health (2002)  
Mental Health and Mass Violence  
[www.nimh.nih.gov/research/massviolence.pdf](http://www.nimh.nih.gov/research/massviolence.pdf)
- Iraq War Clinician Guide, 2nd Edition,  
802-296-5132 [www.ncptsd.org](http://www.ncptsd.org)
- Veterans Health Initiative 2001-2004 VHI  
Courses [www.va.gov.vhi](http://www.va.gov.vhi)
- Screening for Mental Health, Inc.  
[www.mentalhealthscreening.org](http://www.mentalhealthscreening.org)

# Ancillary Staff/Administrative

- Two administrative questions (Items 9 and 10):
  - ◆ Type of health information provided to the service member
  - ◆ Type of referrals that were made
  - ◆ Did the service member accept the referral, or decline to complete the form?

# PDHRA Key Elements

- Outreach
- Education
- Health Reassessment
- Detailed Evaluation and Treatment
- Follow-up and Case Management

# Documenting PDHRA Results

- DD Form 2900 completed electronically
- Reviewed in paper format with service member, but results from PDHRA entered electronically
- Complete paper copy printed and placed in service member's medical record (DoD) or given to service member if separated

# Documenting PDHRA Results (Cont)

- PDHRA forwarded electronically
- Stored and included in Defense Medical Surveillance System
- Referrals documented on PDHRA and SF513 (Consultation Request) when available

# Additional Guidance & Support

- Additional clinical guidance and support materials available at:
  - ◆ [www.pdhealth.mil](http://www.pdhealth.mil)
  - ◆ [pdhealth@na.amedd.army.mil](mailto:pdhealth@na.amedd.army.mil)
  - ◆ Deployment Health Clinician Helpline:  
1-866-559-1627 DSN: 642-0907
  - ◆ DoD Patient Helpline:  
1-800-796-9699 DSN: 662-3577
  - ◆ DoD Helpline from Europe: 00800-8666-8666